

## Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Educators Network

In Person Meeting | Thursday, September 12, 2024 | 4:15 to 5:45 p.m.

### Agenda

AAPI webpage: <https://www.sccoe.org/sclis/aapi>

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#### I. Welcome and Introductions

Jessica Bonduris, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Professional Learning and Support Division, Santa Clara County Office of Education

4:15 – 4:30 p.m.

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#### II. Facilitated Discussion: *Attendance Awareness*

4:30 – 5:15 p.m.



**Stephanie Palmeri Farías**  
Coordinator, Student Services  
East Side Union High School District

#### Questions and Group Interactive

- **Data-Driven Interventions:** Considering the significant variation in absenteeism rates among different AAPI subgroups, such as the 16% rate for Filipino students versus 12% for Chinese students, according to the 2023 California Dashboard, how can we leverage disaggregated data to design more targeted and effective attendance interventions? What challenges and successes have you experienced in using such data in your roles?"
- **Culturally Responsive Attendance Programs:** Schools implementing culturally responsive programs have seen an 8% reduction in absenteeism among AAPI students, as reported in district attendance records from 2023. What elements of these programs do you believe are most effective, and how can we scale these efforts across districts to ensure that all AAPI students benefit from such tailored approaches?
- **Addressing Language Barriers and Engagement:** Given that 34% of AAPI students in Santa Clara County come from non-English-speaking households, as reported by the 2023 California Dashboard, how can we better tailor our outreach and communication strategies to engage these families effectively in their children's education and attendance? What successful strategies have you implemented or observed in your districts?
- **Mental Health and Cultural Stigma:** With the 2023 California Healthy Kids Survey indicating that 28% of AAPI students in Santa Clara County experience significant anxiety, yet only 12% seek counseling services perhaps due to cultural stigma, what role do our schools play in destigmatizing mental health, and how can we ensure that counseling services are both accessible and culturally appropriate for AAPI students?

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#### III. Closing & Networking (Dinner)

5:15 – 5:45 p.m.

2024-2025 Meeting Dates: [November 6, 2024](#); February 12, 2025; April 2, 2025

Special Event: May 2025 (details to come)

Please complete meeting survey: <https://sccoe.to/aapien-survey-091224>



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### Network Objectives:

- Provide professional networking opportunities for AAPI educators
- Learn about trending topics related to AAPI students and educators
- Discuss issues and challenges related to AAPI students and educators
- Encourage AAPI educators to aim for leadership roles